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Mr. Darrin Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of President Xi Jinping's letter to your students in reply to their Chinese New Year greetings.

I had a pleasant memory visiting your school five years ago, and was greatly impressed by your Chinese immersion program. It is indeed amazing to see how much progress you have made in the education of Chinese language and culture over the past five years, and we deeply appreciate the love and support you and your students showed to the Chinese people in fighting against the COVID-19.

The future of the China-US relationship lies on our young generations. Your continuous support to the Chinese language teaching and learning will surely contribute to greater mutual understanding of our two peoples.

We look forward to hand-delivering the original copy of President Xi's letter upon receiving it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours



Cui Tiankai  
Ambassador

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美利坚合众国  
犹他州  
卡斯卡德小学

亲爱的同学们：

你们好！很高兴收到你们的新春贺卡，我都仔细看了，谢谢你们。

我多次访问美国，不过还没有去过犹他州，希望以后能有机会去，也可以去看看你们。和同学们一样，我也喜欢读书，还喜欢体育锻炼。工作再忙，我也要抽出时间锻炼。

中国和美国一样，是很大的国家。中国有5000多年文明历史。中国人民和美国人民一样热情好客。汉语是世界上十几亿人使用的语言，通过学习汉语你们可以更多了解中国历史文化。很高兴看到你们的汉字写得这么好，汉语学得这么棒。希望你们继续加油，取得更大进步，做中美两国人民友谊的小使者。

今年是中国农历鼠年。祝同学们在新的一年里开心快乐、健康成长。欢迎你们到中国来看看。

中华人民共和国主席

A large, bold calligraphic signature of the Chinese characters '鼠年' (Rat Year) in black ink. The characters are written in a dynamic, expressive style with thick strokes and varying line thicknesses.

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(Translation)

Beijing, 15 February 2020

Cascade Elementary School  
State of Utah  
The United States of America

Dear boys and girls,

My greetings to you. I'm so happy to get the lovely cards from you on the Chinese New Year. I have read them all. Thank you for the wonderful thought.

I've been to the United States multiple times, but not yet to Utah. I hope there will be an opportunity for me to be there and, if so, to visit you all in person. Just like you, I'm also fond of reading and sports. No matter how busy I am, I always try to find some time for exercise.

China, like the United States, is a very big country. We have a civilization that is over 5,000 years old. The Chinese people, like the American people, are warm-hearted and friendly. The Chinese language has over one billion speakers in the world. By learning it, you may know more about Chinese history and culture. I'm really glad to see that you can write such beautiful Chinese characters and are so fluent in the language. I hope you will keep at it, make even bigger progress, and become young "ambassadors" for Sino-American friendship.

This year is the Year of the Rat in Chinese lunar calendar. I wish you all happiness, health and progress in the new year. You're most welcome to visit China.

(Signed) Xi Jinping

President  
The People's Republic of China